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C O N F I D E N T I A L MASERU 1100

E.O. 11651: GDS
TAGS: PINR, PEPR, LT, CU
SUBJECT: VISIT TO LESOTHO BY CUBAN OFFICIAL

1. BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER (BHC) INFORMED ME ON MAY 22 THAT A CUBAN OFFICIAL IS ARRIVING IN MASERU ON MAY 26. NO FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING NAME OF PERSON OR PURPOSE OF VISIT IS AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME. HOWEVER, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MFA) PERMANENT SECRETARY REQUESTED THAT BHC ATTEMPT TO RECEIVE DEFINITIVE INFORMATION ON ACTIVE CUBAN INVOLVEMENT IN KOLWEZI INVASION. MFA PERMANENT SECRETARY SAID THAT HE WANTS TO QUESTION CUBAN VISITOR VERY DIRECTLY IF THERE WAS ANY CUBAN, SOVIET OR EAST GERMAN INVOLVEMENT.

2. COMMENT: THIS CUBAN VISIT MAY BE AN INITIAL MEETING FOR ESTABLISHING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS, AN ISSUE SOMETIMES MENTIONED IN MASERU. IT IS DOUBTFUL THAT GOL WILL SERIOUSLY CONSIDER SUCH A STEP IF THERE WAS EASTERN BLOC INVOLVEMENT IN KOLWEZI, SINCE GOL APPROACH TO THIS HAS BEEN TIMID UNDER THE BEST CONDITIONS. END COMMENT.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: MASERU WOULD APPRECIATE BEING INFORMED IF
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THERE IS ANY CONCRETE PROOF THAT CUBANS, SOVIETS OR EAST
GERMANS WERE ACTIVE IN KOLWEZI INVASION.
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